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Amendment under 37 CFR 1.111
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following claims for the pending claims with the same numbers respectively:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): An ink-jet printer comprising:
a conveyance mechanism capable of conveying plural printing media in parallel;

a supporting member capable of supporting the plural printing media ~~that supports a printing medium~~ and has plural holes formed therein;

an ink ejecting member capable of ejecting ink toward a printing medium supporting side of the supporting member;

plural suction members capable of sucking air through the holes from a printing medium supporting side of the supporting member to an opposite side thereof; and

a partitioning member that partitions a space between the plural suction members and the supporting member to thereby form plural air passages; ~~and~~ ,

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wherein the suction members and the air passages are both arranged so as to correspond to the respective printing media conveyed by the conveyance mechanism, and

wherein said ink-jet printer further comprises a suction controller that controls the suction members such that, when the printing medium supporting side of the supporting member has a printing medium arranged thereon in only a part of plural regions each corresponding to each of the plural air passages and the ink ejecting member ejects ink toward the printing medium, the suction controller controls the suction members so that only the suction member corresponding to the region where the printing medium is arranged, among the plural suction members, may suck air and all of the other suction members in other regions without any printing medium arranged on the supporting member are stopped.

Claim 2 (Cancelled):